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SUBJECT: RHODESIAN CHROME

REF: STATE 104079, PARIS 13117

- 1. WE ARE UNCERTAIN HOW THE NEW INTERIM PROCEDURES GOVERNING IMPORTS OF FERROCHROME AND STEEL WILL HELP WITH THE PROBLEM OF CURRENT SHIPMENTS. SOME FRENCH FIRMS TELL US THEIR U.S. CUSTOMERS ARE LOOKING ELSEWHERE FOR FERROCHROME BECAUSE THEY NEED SUPPLIES AND CANNOT GUARANTEE ADMISSION OF FRENCH PRODUCT.
- 2. UNTIL NOW THE GOF HAS BEEN UNWILLING TO ISSUE A CERTIFICATE. HOWEVER, ON MAY 4 THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY WROTE TO THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY INDICATING GOF ASSURANCE THAT FRENCH FERROCHROME AND SPECIALTY STEEL PRODUCTS DO NOT CONTAIN RHODESIAN CHROME AS PER FRENCH LAW. GOF BELIEVES THIS ATTESTAUNCLASSIFIED

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TION SHOULD SUFFICE FOR U.S. TREASURY REQUIREMENTS, NOT JUST TO SATISFY INTERIM PROCEDURES BUT AS A DEFINITIVE SOLUTION.

3. BUREAU OF MINES OF MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY IS ISSUING A CERTIFICATE TO SOFREM FOR A SHIPMENT LEAVING ANTWERP MAY 27 DESTINED FOR NEW ORLEANS WHERE IT WILL ARRIVE

JUNE 20 OR 21. WE ASSUME THAT GOF CERTIFICATION OF INDIVIDUAL SHIPMENT IS IN ACCORD WITH OUR REQUIREMENTS AND WE HAVE ADVISED SOFREM TO PROCEED WITH SHIPMENT. IF OUR ASSUMPTION IS INCORRECT, PLEASE REPLY BY IMMEDIATE CABLE.

4. WE ARE ENCOURAGED BY GOF WILLINGNESS TO CERTIFY INDIVIDUAL SHIPMENTS AFTER HAVING STRONGLY RESISTED ADOPTION OF SUCH A PROCEDURE. MEANWHILE, WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING COPIES OF ALL RELEVANT TEXTS INCLUDING THE U.S. LAW (PL 95-12) AND PERTINENT TREASURY REGULATIONS. GAMMON

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